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Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"If the High Court is a better body for making these appointments than the Public Services Commission, are the Heads of Departments in the Secretariat worse than the High Court?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not in a position to answer that."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is it not a fact that the High Court is the best-fitted authority to make the selection of District Munsifs?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I should think so."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what the practice in England is with regard to making of Judicial appointments?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The practice in England is that the appointments to the Public Services generally are made by the Public Services Commission, but appointments to the Judicial Service are made by the Lord High Chancellor of England. For instance, all County Court Judges are appointed by the Lord High Chancellor."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know how many Depressed Class candidates were there at the time of the last selection?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am sorry that I am not in a position to answer that question."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to inform the Judges of the High Court that the minorities are not satisfied with the way in which their claims are considered by the High Court and that the minorities themselves are alive to the need for efficiency which seems to weigh so much with the Judges?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall forward this question and the answer and also the supplementary questions and the answers thereto to the High Court."

Agriculture

Export from and import into South Kanara of paddy and rice during the last six years.

* 796 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what quantity of paddy and rice has been exported from South Kanara during each of the last six years; and

(*b*) what quantity has been imported from outside during the same period?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The coastwise trade at the various ports in the South Kanara district during the five years ending 1932–33 and during the current year (April 1933 to January 1934) is shown in the appended statements.[a] There were practically no foreign imports. Foreign exports of rice were from Mangalore and the quantities were as follows:—

	TONS.
1928–29	12
1929–30	22
1930–31	8
1931–32	7
1932–33	6

There were no exports of paddy. No information is available about movement by road.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, clause (*b*) of the question asks for information regarding the quantity of paddy and rice that has been *imported from outside* the district during the last six years and the answer says that there were practically no *foreign* imports. May I have an answer to the question? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Notice."

Measures for stabilizing the price of coconuts and copra.

* 797 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Government to restore the price of coconuts and copra in the Northern Circars and other places?

A.—An enquiry into the supply of coconut products in India is being made at present by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the Government of India propose to await the result of this enquiry before deciding what action should be taken.

Import duty on coconuts.

* 798 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether import duty on coconuts has been reduced by the Government of India; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action to prevent import into this Province of coconuts from Ceylon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 797.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 473 infra.